

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1994 - 0700 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: New fire activity occurred in California while existing fires in Idaho, southern Oregon and California were moderately active yesterday. Fire intensity continued to moderate in Montana and Washington. Minimal initial attack activity was reported.

Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander of three Battalions and one Aviation Company assigned to the Corral Creek fire and the Idaho City Complex. Colonel Joseph Leigh, USA, is the Task Force Commander of three Battalions assigned to the 17 Mile fire, Little Wolf fire and the Koocanusa Complex. The 5/11 Marine Battalion (Camp Pendleton) has been released from the Tye Creek fire.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

An Area Command (Kitchens, Area Commander) has been established for the Kootenai National Forest. The Area Command is responsible for the following fires: Yaak-Red Dragon Complex, Cabinet Complex, Libby Complex, Trout Creek Complex, High One, Wolf II, and Koocanusa Complex's. Six CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158th Aviation Unit are assigned.

LIBBY COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. This complex includes the SCENERY, LEIGH CREEK, CHINA BASIN, MCKAY MTN, QUARTZ, and HANGING FLOWER fires. Crews made good progress on line construction and burnout on all staffed fires. The Hanging Flower fire was pushed downhill to within a few hundred feet of Flower Creek. Fire proximity to the town of Libby, other improvements and cultural sites remains a concern.

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) and the 3-11th Field Artillery Battalion, I Corps, USA, (Lt. Col. Patterson) are assigned. Star Meadow remains on evacuation alert. Torching and active burning continued, especially late in the afternoon.

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Dubois) are assigned. In addition, the 3-82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Dudley) is assigned. The complex now has 26 active fires, including the THUNDER HILL, 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISH FRY, FOWLER, GUNSIGHT, BURNT SHEEP, and PINK MTN. Suppression action is currently being taken on fifteen fires in the complex. Eleven fires have been controlled. Nine fires are in patrol status. Two fires are not yet staffed. Continued cooler temperatures, higher humidities, and relatively calm weather conditions allowed aggressive action on priority fires.

KOOCANUSA COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lee) is assigned. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, (Lt. Col. Bonwit, Commander) is assigned. This complex consists of the CRIPPLE HORSE, MAXINE, 336, FOWLER, and BANFIELD fires. Excellent progress was made on all fires. Crews on the Banfield fire withdrew from suppression operations late yesterday due to poor access routes. The fire will be assessed today for better access routes and tactics will be revised.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is assigned. Currently, five fires in the complex are staffed: SPRUCE, SURVEY, DRIFT, WILLARD, and WILL DO. A total of seventeen fires have been located within the complex. Of these, nine are controlled and one is contained. Crews are making excellent progress on Spruce, Survey, and on the north and east side of Willard.

HIGH ONE, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The complex consists of the BARNABY and the TWIN MEADOWS fires. The Barnaby fire is within one mile of private land containing about 50 year round residences and other associated outbuildings. The remaining handline construction is in rugged terrain with poor access.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is assigned. The major fires in this complex are: PILLICK, LOST GIRL, GOAT ROCKS and DEVIL'S DAD. Crews made good progress again today on the Pillick Ridge fire. The second priority fire is the Lost Girl. A saw team will open a helispot adjacent to this fire. As crews can be moved from Pillick Ridge, they will begin suppression activities on this and other remaining fires in the complex. Wilderness fires all remain in monitoring status.

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. This fire made a major run to the east, burning over 600 acres. All forces on the NW, E, and SE sides were withdrawn from the fire due to intense fire behavior.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. Crews made great progress in mop-up operations.

POWELL COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. This complex includes the FREEZEOUT, FERN CREEK, SPONGE, BIG SAND LAKE/HIDDEN CREEK and GOLD MEADOWS fires. Fern Creek and Freezeout fires were active today.

BEAR CAMP, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. Control lines held along the western and southern flanks.

FISHER PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. This fire is burning in heavy alpine fir fuels on terrain which is accessible only by helicopter. A second medium helicopter arrived and began working on the fire late in the day.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
LIBBY COMPLEX	KNF	MT	11,870	55	UNK	1,352	39	59	10	0	9.5M	1.1M
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	15,230	95	UNK	1,820	57	45	6	0	10.3M	6.8M
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	11,148	40	9/15	2,041	61	55	5	0	8.8M	5.6M
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	10,195	25	UNK	1,102	31	23	4	0	7.8M	1.8M
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	3,000	25	UNK	562	16	6	4	0	UNK	1.5M
HIGH ONE	KNF	MT	590	50	UNK	295	7	0	0	0	100K	210K
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	1,045	45	9/12	192	5	6	2	0	UNK	360K
ANN	BRF	MT	1,800	50	8/30	645	23	19	4	0	UNK	1.6M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	948	80	9/5	451	15	0	5	0	UNK	2.5M
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	420	90	8/31	234	7	0	4	0	300K	1.0M
STARVATION	GNP	MT	2,450	UNK	UNK	140	4	2	2	0	UNK	695K
POWELL CMLPX	CWF	ID	12,298	4	UNK	46	2	0	2	0	UNK	511K
BEAR CAMP	CWF	ID	500	60	8/29	202	5	7	2	0	UNK	535K

YELLOWSTONE C	YNP	WY	6,693	5	9/15	53	1	0	2	0	UNK	522K
NORTHWEST PK	IPF	ID	100	95	8/27	0	1	0	0	0	UNK	54K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. There were no significant events to report today.

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is assigned. The fire was very active in the Squaw Meadows area and above Josephine Lake. Structures continue to be protected along the Salmon River and around the Fish and Game Cabin above Squaw Meadows. Some structures were reported lost in the Spring Creek drainage.

CHICKEN COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (O'Bannon) is assigned. Three isolated outbuildings and cabins were destroyed. Handline is almost completed to the South Fork of the Salmon River. Smoke reduced visibility and forced crews to be pulled off some fires.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Harbour) is assigned with a State representative (Williams) under unified command. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). The fire experienced a modest expansion to the Northeast. Crews are working to complete an indirect line that will tie into the Secesh River.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Eddy) is assigned. The 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Porter, Commander) and the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Bostic, Commander) are assigned. The complex consists of the BANNOCK, BEAR RIVER, RABBIT CREEK and NORTH FORK fires. The fire remains active with successful burnout operations yesterday. The 20th Engineer Battalion is scheduled for release to Ft. Hood on 8/30.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) is assigned. The 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander) is providing helicopter support. A large sloopover on the NE side of the fire caused the closure of the Johnson Creek road.

PIIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is assigned. Crews continued line construction on the south end of the fire in Tango and Pioneer Creeks.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	29,200	77	9/3	928	29	32	7	2	UNK	4.1M
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	68,000	45	UNK	1,276	41	18	7	0	UNK	9.8M
CHICKEN CMPLX	PAF	ID	36,000	5	UNK	765	30	26	5	3	UNK	944K
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	45,410	50	UNK	906	23	26	5	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	81,100	53	9/7	2,021	60	43	6	0	106M	24M
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	11,500	20	UNK	857	26	22	5	0	UNK	8.4M
PIIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	7,743	50	UNK	200	5	1	5	0	50K	950K

Northwest Area Large Fires:

OKANOGAN COMPLEX, Okanogan NF. The complex is contained. The only fire on this complex that is not contained is the BOULDER fire which is in confinement status.

TYEE CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Maupin) is assigned with a State Team (Flannigan) under unified command. Demob of the 5th Battalion 11th Marines will take place today.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. Approximately 1/2 inch of rain fell on the entire fire. Two miles of unlined fire front remains to be completed in the wilderness part of the fire. The entire accessible portion of the fire continues to be in patrol status.

HULL MOUNTAIN, Oregon State. A State Team (Templeton) is assigned. This fire is located about 20 miles northwest of Medford. Spot fires continue to be the primary cause of fire growth. Five additional homes were lost due to a fire run of 2,000 acres. Between 250 and 300 homes have been evacuated. Crews using fire line explosives were constructing line on the south end of the fire yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
TYEE COMP	WEF	WA	135,170	100		631	21	12	8	94	UNK	44M
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,316	95	8/31	290	9	5	5	19	UNK	21.1M
HULL MTN.	ORS	OR	7,200	60	8/29	2,101	64	123	12	6	UNK	5.0M

South Zone - California Large Fires:

BIG CREEK, Sierra NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is committed. The towns of Big Creek and Camp Sierra, and the Huntington Lake Recreation Area remain evacuated. State Highway 168 remains closed above Big Creek Road. The fire is burning on two heads. Narrow roads have caused severe access problems.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
BIG CREEK	SNF	CA	4,700	47	8/30	1,725	56	70	9	0	UNK	3.1M

North Zone:

SUGARFOOT, Mendocino NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Jansen) is committed. The fire is burning down into a roadless area and is threatening seasonal homes in the area. The fire is active on two fronts.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST

SUGARFOOT | MNF|CA| 1,500|UNK| UNK| UNK| 7|UNK| 4| 0| UNK| UNK|

Outlook: High pressure aloft will be centered over northern Texas today allowing some subtropical moisture to circulate into Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, eastern Idaho, and Wyoming. Scattered thunderstorms will occur throughout this area. Temperatures will remain warm. Low pressure off the northwest coast will move into Oregon, Washington and Idaho. This will trigger widely scattered thunderstorms across eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, and Idaho. Temperatures are expected to be in the 70's and 80's in the northwest and in the 90's to around 100 in the southwest. Thunderstorms will cause initial attack activity to increase today in the Northwest and Idaho.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					3		3
NORTHWEST					1	1	2
CA-NORTHERN				1		1	2
CA-SOUTHERN						2	2
NORTHERN	2			0	1	7	10
GB-EASTERN						1	1
GB-WESTERN							0
SOUTHWEST							*
ROCKY MTN		1				6	7
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN							0
USA	2	1		1	5	18	27

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					650		650
NORTHWEST					1	1	2
CA-NORTHERN				40		1	41
CA-SOUTHERN						2,074	2,074
NORTHERN	95			1,331	0	1,059	2,485
GB-EASTERN						0	0
GB-WESTERN							0
SOUTHWEST							*
ROCKY MTN		0				11	11
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN							0
USA	95	0		1,371	651	3,146	5,263

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	#50	64	21	126	#15	8	5		#1,187	342

CA-NORTHERN	26	10	14	17	4	1	3	5	71	192
CA-SOUTHERN	39	25	15	20	3	6	7	2	182	117
NORTHERN	#232	37	177	42	#73	3			#2,172	#178
GB-EASTERN	#210	18	102	60	#35	7			#1,109	421
GB-WESTERN			7		1					
SOUTHWEST*										
ROCKY MTN	9		6	3	1				50	9
EASTERN*										
SOUTHERN			9						3	
USA	566	154	351	268	132	25	15	7	4,774	1,259

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

* No reports received.

#Includes military

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	62	76	48	15	358	7	566
NORTHWEST	388	257	11	128	1,826	1,652	4,262
CA-NORTHERN	94	40	3	59		791	987
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,744	596	3,464
NORTHERN	338	44		60	1,397	2,294	4,133
GB-EASTERN	87	692		36	379	1,152	2,346
GB-WESTERN		475		1	83	167	726
SOUTHWEST	1,451	379	17	210	1,627	2,515	6,199
ROCKY MTN	665	685		82	569	649	2,650
EASTERN	324			53	9,635	498	10,510
SOUTHERN	2		34	81	20,377	661	21,155
USA	3,411	2,748	113	749	38,995	10,982	56,998
5 YEAR AVERAGE							53,682

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,419	48,324	78,685	12,830	43,003	2	229,263
NORTHWEST	65,412	84,763	7,918	4,219	28,576	230,070	420,958
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,745	8,042	4,505		86,911	102,339
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	45,265	65,599	136,936
NORTHERN	6,109	3,711		9,857	28,693	47,460	95,830
GB-EASTERN	1,446	217,672		46	75,278	310,851	605,293
GB-WESTERN		188,684			4,416	14,161	207,261
SOUTHWEST	31,692	119,857	7,683	24,029	215,972	151,868	551,101
ROCKY MTN	21,691	36,362		157	10,841	9,657	78,708
EASTERN	16,399			940	87,345	6,371	111,055
SOUTHERN	12		15,799	3,763	396,663	37,416	453,653
USA	189,316	728,175	118,127	60,361	936,052	960,366	2,992,397
5 YEAR AVERAGE							2,049,847

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
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BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	3,607	25,305
YUKON TERRITORY	4	34,199	251	234,690
ALBERTA	2	1	711	28,229
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	596	2,403,431
SASKATCHEWAN	2	0	530	525,447
MANITOBA	2	3	472	446,924
ONTARIO	3	5	980	79,307
QUEBEC	0	0	427	115,893
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	128	110,556
NEW BRUNSWICK	5	0	290	166
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	190	122
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	18	14
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	144	60,713
TOTALS	21	34,208	8,344	4,030,797

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